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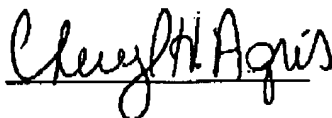
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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005 be extended for a period of 3 months from August 31, 2005 to November 30, 2005. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension of time.

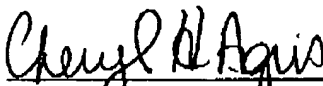
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